Office of the Electricity Ombudsman

(A Statutory Body of Govt. of NCT of Delhi under the Electricity Act, 2003) **B-53, Paschimi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi – 110 057** (Phone No.: 32506011, Fax No.26141205)

Appeal No. F. ELECT/Ombudsman/2015/678

Appeal against the Order dated 19.11.2014 passed by CGRF-BYPL in Complaint No.88/07/2014.

In the matter of:

Shri Bindhyachal Prasad - Appellant

Versus

BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. - Respondent

Present:-

Appellant: Shri Manoj, authorized representative, attended

on behalf of the appellant.

Respondent: Ms. Kashmi Gupta, A.M. (Legal), Shri Anirudh

Arya (B.M.) & Shri Tarun Jhinjharia (Legal

Retainer) attended on behalf of the BYPL.

Date of Hearing : 17.02.2015

Date of Order : 20.02.2015

ORDER NO. OMBUDSMAN/2015/678

This appeal has been filed by Shri Bindhyachal Prasad, C-2/570, Sonia Vihar, 2nd Pusta, Delhi – 110094, against the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum – BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (CGRF-BYPL) order dated 19.11.2014 dismissing his petition for release of a new connection at his shop with the address A-1/7 A, Gamri Extension, Ghonda, Delhi – 110053 on the ground that legal cases for recovery of direct theft dues were pending in the Special

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A hearing was held on 17.02.2015. Both the parties were heard. The DISCOM informed that no connection was ever released in the premises as only direct theft cases have occurred. Over the years more shops have come up at the address. It is a fact that direct theft cases had been filed against these also as there were a number of direct theft notices issued in the same premises. These are under adjudication in the Special Court.

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